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PATENT APPLICATION

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HIROFUMI HIRANO, et al. )  
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For: INK TANK, INK-JET CARTRIDGE, )  
INK-SUPPLYING APPARATUS, )  
INK-JET PRINTING APPARATUS )  
AND METHOD FOR SUPPLYING )  
INK )  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following below the title of the invention: --This

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